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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The government is unwarranted in its pursuit of antitrust violations with regards to the Microsoft Corporation. Microsoft has attained its position of dominance in the technology industry by offering consumers quality products. Microsoft's production of user-friendly software has enabled the technology industry to grow quite substantially. This is in spite of the fact that the previous Attorney General and Administration spent more on the persecution of Microsoft than on the pursuit of terrorists who were actively attacking American interests around the world. The settlement, however, is welcome in that it provides an end to this persecution.

Anyone who thinks Microsoft got off easy in this dispute is mistaken. Microsoft has made numerous concessions throughout this process. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the internal interfaces of its Windows operating system. This allows developers to substitute non-Microsoft software for Microsoft software at their discretion. This will allow for increased competition for Microsoft competitors. Obviously, Microsoft is going to great lengths to settle this dispute. It is in the best interest of this economy that we let this settlement stand.

Sincerely,



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cc: Representative Richard Arney